

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING THE ONONDAGA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. DANIEL B. MAFFEI**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 15, 2013*

Mr. MAFFEI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Onondaga Historical Association (OHA) on the occasion of its 150th Anniversary. I join the community in celebrating OHA on this historic occasion.

We are grateful to have a museum and research center that reminds us that we have inherited a special place to live because of the people and events that have come before us. Onondaga County New York's rich history is intertwined with many key periods in our country's history, including the building of the Erie Canal, women's suffrage, emancipation, the history of Central New York's Native Americans, the Haudenosaunee, also referred to as the Iroquois Confederacy. OHA's recent jubilee celebration was built around the 150th anniversary of the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation, the same year the association began.

OHA's mission is to inspire people's understanding that the history we share as a community is the foundation for our future together. Its purpose is to encourage a diverse audience from the neighborhoods of Syracuse and the communities of Onondaga County to explore, appreciate and utilize their past. OHA offers engaging exhibits and programs, pursues partnerships with other cultural organizations and community groups, and develops and cares for a definitive collection related to local history. In addition, OHA operates a museum and research center in Syracuse, New York.

We take comfort that OHA will continue to document our history in Onondaga County and that its work will serve as a guide to future generations. Simply stated, OHA is our bridge to the past, present and future of Onondaga County. We are a stronger community because of the exceptional work of the OHA's staff, Board, and community supporters.

Once again, I congratulate OHA and all the individuals who have helped to preserve this extraordinary organization over the past 150 years.

HONORING JARED T. BLANKENSHIP

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 15, 2013*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jared T. Blankenship. Jared is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities

of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 351, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jared has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jared has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Jared has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jared T. Blankenship for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

FEDERAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE  
NONPROFIT FAIRNESS ACT OF 2013

SPEECH OF

**HON. RUSH HOLT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 13, 2013*

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, of course Congress should make sure the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Small Business Administration and other government agencies are funded sufficiently to help communities recover from natural disasters like Sandy. H.R. 592, the Federal Disaster Assistance Nonprofit Fairness Act of 2013, would add "houses of worship" to the list of eligible entities that can receive direct government assistance from FEMA. Religious institutions are important to our communities. Unfortunately, as drafted H.R. 592 is unconstitutional.

In 1971, the Supreme Court unanimously held that a government subsidy used to construct buildings at colleges and universities was constitutional only if the buildings could never be used for religious activities. Two years later, the U.S. Supreme Court held that no taxpayer funds could be used for maintenance and repair of facilities in which religious activities take place. The types of buildings that this bill seeks to make eligible for direct government funding—houses of worship—are inherently used for religious activities and the bill would have the effect of unconstitutionally funneling taxpayer money for religious activities. Under current law, houses of worship are eligible for Small Business Administration loans to help rebuild in the wake of a disaster like Sandy. Thus, there is already federally available aid that is neutral in its application that churches, synagogues and other houses of worship can avail themselves of without implicating the government in providing direct support to religious institutions. And private insurance companies have long provided such policies for houses of worship.

As I have since Hurricane Sandy devastated New Jersey, I will continue to push for the maximum possible funding—including disaster recovery loans—for all New Jersey communities impacted by this and future storms.

HONORING MR. EDWARD  
NORTHROP

**HON. AUSTIN SCOTT**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 15, 2013*

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to recognize a man who has served his country, created hundreds of new jobs in my district and is a loyal father and husband of over 50 years. I am proud to say he is one of my constituents and would like to thank him for a lifetime of dedication and commitment to his country.

Edward D. Northrop, Jr., graduated from Virginia Military Institute in 1962. He then served 20 years in the United States Army from 1962–1982, graduating from both Airborne and Ranger schools. He served 2 tours in Vietnam in the 4th Infantry Division, serving for the Red Warriors, C Company and as HHQ Company Commander. During this time, he received many awards, including the Combat Infantry Badge, Silver Star and Army Commendation Medal for Heroism. Ed retired as a LTC in 1982.

Later that year, Ed became a Burger King Franchisee and currently owns six locations—four of which are in my district—employing 180 Georgians. Due to his commitment to excellence, Ed has achieved some of the highest volumes of any Burger King restaurateur in the Southeast. He also is committed to serving the franchisee community through his work with the National Franchisee Association, NFA. Through NFA, Ed has served as President of the New South Coalition of Burger King Franchisees, on the NFA Board of Directors and on NFA's Government Relations Committee for over sixteen years.

Ed is also very active in his local church and served on the vestry multiple years. He is also involved in local adopt a school programs as well as the Special Olympics program.

On behalf of Georgia's Eighth Congressional District, thank you, Ed, for your unwavering commitment to your country, your family and the NFA. We are proud to call you one of our own.

CONGRATULATING KANSAS STATE  
UNIVERSITY ON ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. LYNN JENKINS**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 15, 2013*

Ms. JENKINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Kansas State University, the oldest public university in the state of Kansas, on its 150th anniversary. Kansas State University holds a special place in my heart as my alma mater, and today, I still proudly wear my K-State purple.

Originally founded as Blumont Central College in 1858, Kansas State University began

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